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RESPONSE TO THE NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office, mailed August 20, 2002 (copy enclosed), we enclose a copy of the international application including the request form and, additionally, a copy of the letter sent to the International Bureau requesting that the PCT request be corrected. We contacted the WIPO on October 18, 2002 and verified they have received the request but due to the backlog of work, the notification/approval has not yet been sent to us. We spoke with Charitta A. Burt on October 18, 2002 and she requested that we forward this information to satisfy the Notification of Missing Requirements. We have delayed responding to wait for a response from the International Bureaus but have decided to wait no longer.

If you have any further questions concerning this matter, please contact me on (240) 228-5640; facsimile (240) 228-5254 or e-mail: frank.cooch@jhuapl.edu.

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